



Board Briefs

December 10, 2019

The following information contains highlights from the December 10, 2019, Readington Board of Education meeting. For complete minutes, please check the district website on or about January 22, 2020.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Hart recognized Mrs. Betsy Freeman's Gifted and Talented Team of students pictured below for being awarded a \$5,000 BASF STEM Education Grant on behalf of Readington Middle School; Mr. Jared Beatrice for his year of service on the Board of Education; and, Mrs. Denise Birmingham, RMS Teacher, and Garden Club Advisor, for being the recipient of the Philadelphia Horticultural Society Garden of Distinction Award for the third year. Dr. Hart shared the new Strategic Planning Meeting dates of January 8 & 9, 2020. Dr. Hart mentioned that the proposed Board Meeting Calendar has been shared with the board for their review prior to submission for board approval at next month's Re-org meeting.



In Photo: Dr. Hart/Superintendent, Mrs. Laura Simon/Board President, Andrew Leibowitz, Eddie Lou, Braden Galloway, Jasmine Relovsky, Wilda Lago, Martael Hoffman, Toni Kaese, and Christopher Serrao.

Finance/Facilities

- The district bill list was approved.
- The district travel schedule was approved.
- A resolution was approved that the board expresses its position that the New Jersey PILOT program as currently structured is greatly detrimental to local boards of education, reducing their revenues while often increasing their expenses. The board urges NJSBA to take action aimed to improve this condition for boards statewide, including legislative remedies that would reconfigure the revenue-sharing provisions of the PILOT laws and ensure school districts can participate in the economic benefits of a PILOT agreement.

Education/Technology

- HSA Fundraisers for the 2019-2020 school year were approved.
- BASF Science Education Grant in the amount of \$5,000 was accepted.
- HSA mini-grant in the amount of \$343.14 was accepted.
- Home instruction services were ratified and approved with LearnWell and Professional Education Services, Inc.
- Student observation placement was board approved for Amy Klemens.

Personnel

- Three substitute placements for Substitute Teacher/Aide were approved.
- The following transfers were approved: Karen Hopkins (RMS/PT Special Education Teacher-PT/SE-Aide), Sandra Drew (TBS/FT SE-Aide), and Laura Sposato (RMS/Clerical Aide).
- The following appointments were approved: Jacob DePaolo (RMS/LTS-LA Teacher), Kristen Doyle (WHS/SE-Aide), Denise Cathro (RMS/Speech Therapist), and Jennifer Snyder (RMS/PT SE-Aide).
- The following appointments were ratified and approved: Bob Clymer (HBS/LTS-SE Behavior Teacher), and Jennifer Taylor (District/Bus Driver).
- The resignation of Kristen Apple (WHS/SE-Aide) was accepted.
- Christine Lewis was approved as Young Authors Club Advisor for the 2019-2020 school year at Three Bridges School.
- Colleen Ogden was approved as Summer Enrichment Coordinator for the summer of 2020.

Communications

- Five policies and three regulations were approved for first reading.

Unfinished Business

- Dr. Hart and Mr. Egbert discussed their attendance at the November School Safety Summit.

New Business From Board

- Mr. Zwerling reported the Green Committee meeting minutes.
- It was discussed that a Cafeteria tasting event is scheduled for RMS.
- Ms. Mikaelian provided an update on the NJSBA dinner and their SEL and mental health discussion.
- Mr. Saunders provided the NJSBA Delegate Assembly update.

The next Board of Education meeting is scheduled for January 7, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room at Holland Brook School. Please review the agenda that will be posted on Friday, January 3, 2020, and consider attending.